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CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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April 1992

PROGRAM - Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 1992
Multi-purpose Room - 7:30 p.m.
Castelar School
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

CANCELLED!

It's Show 'n Tell -- for our Annual Meeting, committee reports will be given to the general membership. Each committee will be limited to ten minutes to report on their accomplishments and plans, and how we, as a Society, hope to get more members participating within these projects. Also, we will be presenting our candidates for 1992-93 Officers and Board Members as well as the recipient of CHSSC's scholarship award.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - CHSSC Scholarship Awarded - The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Patricia Leung, a Junior majoring in Political Science at UC Riverside, as the recipient of the first scholarship offered by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. The amount of the award will be \$1000 in cash. Ms. Leung, a Castelar School graduate, will receive her award in a ceremony at the CHSSC's May meeting, detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope that CHSSC members can turn out in numbers to honor and recognize this fine young student!

Society member, Ruby Ling-Louie, was named as one of the recipients for the 1992 Reader's Digest American Heroes in Education. The other Los Angeles recipient named was Dale D. Buboltz, also librarian at South Gate Junior High School in South Gate, California. The two will share the \$5,000 from the company for their efforts to transform their school's archaic library into a thriving learning center that circulates as many as 5,000 books a month. In addition, South Gate Junior High will receive \$10,000 to support the team's ongoing programs that further educational excellence.

The 1992 Reader's Digest American Heroes in Education Awards program honors educators in 10 schools -- individuals or teams of up to six teachers and principals -- solving the critical problems facing schools everywhere. Five runners-up also receive awards. The recipients were chosen from 450 nominations submitted by fellow educators in public, private, and parochial schools nationwide. Congratulations, Ruby! Keep up the good work!

23rd Annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar - Saturday, April 25 - It was a great success! Approximately more than 2500 people were present. There were 26 buses from all over California attending. It was a crystal clear, snow cap mountain day. The day was filled with plenty of food, bringing families together. Mayor Bradley and other dignitaries were present. Everyone attending had a great time. Artifacts from a nearby museum were viewed by some of those in attendance.

Broadway Theatre Tours - Saturday, April 4 - The tour was given by the Los Angeles Conservancy and was sponsored by Connie Hunberger. There were two groups from CHSSC - approximately 16-18 people were present. The tour took approximately three hours. The Broadway theatres were really something to see. One would not know that from seeing it on the outside, there is so much past history on the inside. Some of the theatres visited included the Pantages, Orpheum, Los Angeles, Lotus. These theatres during the Golden years -- 1920's-1930's -- were movie palaces on Broadway. It's a shame that these theatres are just something of the past, since television has taken place. Even though people go by everyday, walk passed them throughout the years, they don't really know what's inside of them. For instance, one of the theatres down between 9th and 10th Streets was made into a church. In that theatre, they have Bibles dating back to the 1200's. It's really something! Many thanks, Johnny Yee, for coordinating the April program!

The Monterey Park Historical Society presented a China slide program at its April 28 meeting, Monterey Park City Hall, Community Room. The presentation was most thorough -- a combination of pictures and much research on the history, culture, and people of China. The program was narrated on tape by Lynn Patterson, retired teacher and former resident of the area. Mr. Patterson showed us some 400 of his 3,000 slides of his trip to China where he and his wife visited Beijing, the Great Wall, life-sized terra-cotta warriors in Xian, and many other cities and a five-day boat ride up the Yangtze River. His presentation left the audience with a sense of having travelled to China. CHSSC members present were Johnny Yee, Linda Lum, Catalina Wong, Mike and Beverly Hom Tsao.

Thank you, Angi Ma Wong, for making signs for CHSSC office!

We welcome new members. As of the April 15 Board Meeting, we have 315 members. Dues are \$15 member; \$5 additional, same household, or senior; \$25 institutional member; and \$200 life member. Dues are payable to CHSSC. Mail to Mary Yee, Membership Secretary, 4721 Konya Drive, Torrance, CA 90503.

CHSSC Mugs for sale! These porcelain mugs, very suitable for tea or coffee (or whatever you like), are cream in color with CHSSC logo in Chinese red. Don't miss out on adding this item to your collection. They're great gifts for that special person! Cost is \$4 members, \$5 non-members. They will be available at each general meeting, board meeting, and at the CHSSC office. For information,

contact Tom Eng (818) 458-7155 or (310) 826-6084.

CALENDAR

- May 20 CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meeting at the CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Castelar School or Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.
- June 3 CHSSC GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 p.m. Castelar School, Multi-purpose Room.
- July 11-12 LOTUS FESTIVAL - contact: Bob Large.
- September 12 MOON FESTIVAL.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Sunday, May 3, (12-3 p.m.) Annual Barbecue sponsored by the Historical Society of Centinela Valley and City of Inglewood at the Centinela Adobe Grounds, 7634 Midfield, Los Angeles. Free parking on 83rd Street, west of Hindry. Free transportation to grounds. Menu includes steak, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, homemade cake, coffee, punch, etc. Donation: \$6. Cars from the Long Beach Model T Ford Club will be on display. Questions, call (310) 649-6272.

The China Society of Southern California invites you and your friends to its May 4 dinner meeting at Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown. Social time 6:15 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 members, \$12 guests. Following dinner, the evening's program is "A Report on the Development of Chinese Music from 1950 to 1980" featuring Professor Yu Run Mao as speaker. Professor Mao has a Master of Science with major in violin and minor in composition from Julliard School of Music, 1948. Former position, first violinist, Shanghai Symphony Orchestra. Visiting professor at Brigham Young University teaching tonal harmony, ear-training orchestration and Chinese music since 1949. Also, visiting scholar lecturing on Chinese music in many United States colleges and universities.

For more information, call Rina Rae Sherman (213) 936-0327 or Lloyd Noakes (213) 663-9511.

Visual Communications, the UCLA Film and Television Archive, the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, and the Mayor's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Committee and the California Lottery cordially invite you to the Seventh Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival Opening Night Celebration on Thursday, May 7, featuring the Los Angeles Premiere of Troubled Paradise. Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steven Okazaki appearing in person at the Japan America Theatre, 244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles Little Tokyo, 7:30 p.m. opening night program and reception to follow. Cost: \$25 per person, payable to Visual Communications. For further information, call (213) 680-4462.

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Thru Sunday, May 24, an exhibit of paintings DONG KINGMAN -- Then and Now at the Stary Sheets Fine Art Galleries, 14988 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92718, (714) 733-0445. Located in Historic Old Towne Irvine.

The Friends of Italian Hall is producing a documentary on the history of Italian Americans in Los Angeles. If you or your family have any photos or documents that show the friendship, business relations, and social interaction with the Italian Americans and their community in the old Chinatown area, please contact Suellen Cheng at (213) 626-5240.

Saint Mark's Treasured Chinese Recipes - 1991 202P, \$12.50
Consisting of mostly Cantonese cooking, this cookbook offers many favorites from jook, dim sum to sai-woo duck. Back in print again, with 451 recipes (new, old, and revised), it has a durable jacket, numbered pages and an alphabetized index. Forward to the book invokes this thought: "for this is how our mothers and grandmothers nourished their families and traditionally celebrated life in a Chinese culture". Historical, rich, full of insights and a classic.

Make donations payable to: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, c/o Blanche Ah Tye; 2211 Fernvale Drive, Stockton, CA 95207.

Add \$1.50 for postage; deduct 50 cents for each extra copy.

LETTER REQUEST - I am working on a book for St. Martin's Press about my great-grandfather, Fong See On, who founded two oriental art stores -- the Fong See Company and the F. Suie One Company. The book will also follow the lives of the children from his marriage to Leticie Pruett -- Milton, Ray, Benny, Eddy See, and their sister, Florence See Leong. (Eddy was my grandfather.) I am also interested in talking to anyone who might have anecdotes, personal remembrances or memorabilia about Old Chinatown, China City, the founding of New Chinatown, Dragon's Den Restaurant, and Mrs. Leong's Chinese language classes at the Methodist Mission. Please contact me at (310) 459-7288 or write to: Lisa See, P. O. 119, 15237 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

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